

Conference of Retiree Associations of International Organisations (CRAIO / CAROI) 2026

22 October 2026 - 23 October 2026

CERN

Provisional programme

last update on 4 August 2026

Day 1 - Thursday, 22 October 2026

Morning - 10:00 - 12:00

Discussion session on topics of particular interest, without presentations or moderation

- CSG-CRDS for pensioners living in France
- Contribution by the Etat de Genève towards the hospital costs of pensioners who are taxpayers
- other topics based on expressions of interest

Lunch

CERN cafeteria - self-service

Afternoon - 13:30 - 16:45

13:30 - 13:45 - Introduction

- Welcome address by the GAP-EPA (CERN)
- Follow-up of the 2017 CRAIO conference (John Parsons - AAPOCAD)

13:45 - 16:45 - Session 1

Pension funds/schemes (developments, issues, expectations)

Presentations followed by a Q&A session or a discussion panel.

Moderator : Isabelle Tezcan (AAPOCAD, NATO)

- EPO - Progressive erosion and decoupling from other international organisations -
- WEU - Dissolution (2011) and measures taken to protect the interests of staff and retirees
- BIPM - Management of the BIPM Pension Fund: The role of pensioners (and staff)
- AAPOCAD - Changes to the Coordinated Pension Scheme and new pension schemes in the Coordinated Organisations

Evening (18:00 onwards)

Diner in the city centre

Day 2 - Friday, 23 October 2026

Morning - 9:00 - 12:00 - Session 2

Health insurance systems (developments, issues, expectations)

Presentations followed by a Q&A session or a discussion panel.

Moderator : Jean-Pol Matheys (GAC-EPA, CERN)

- EPO - Dutch Healthcare and Long Term Care and EPO Cigna interaction
- CoE - The CPMS (Comité sur la protection médicale et sociale))...a fully shared responsibility
- BIPM - Health Insurance for retired staff members of the BIPM: a short overview
- ESA - ESA's Medical insurance system for Short- and Long-Term Risks

Lunch

CERN Glassbox restaurant

Afternoon- 13:30 - 16:45

13:30 - 16:15 - Session 3

Relations between associations of retirees/pensioners and administrations, decision- making bodies in the field of pensions and health insurance, staff associations/committees: framework agreements, participation, etc.

Presentations followed by a Q&A session or a discussion panel.

Moderator: Alain Bataillé (AAPOCAD, ECMWF)

- Role and responsibilities of the Confederation of NATO retired civilian staff association (CNRCSA)
- Relations International Association of Former Council of Europe Staff Members (AIACE) / Council of Europe (CoE)
- Retirees in Social Protection Governance at CERN
- ARES/ESA Cooperation Agreement

16:15 - 16:45

Next steps

Reflections on : next conference (location, date), topics of interest, creation of a standing committee.